

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This Joint Memorial stipulates that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) does not allow stakeholders with religious or moral objections to decline specific required items or services. It also identifies that Congress is considering the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011, H.R. 1179, S. 1467, that would amend PPACA and ensure health care stakeholders retain the right to provide, purchase or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions without penalties or discrimination. The Idaho Legislature is asked to urge the United States Congress to pass the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011 and direct the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the state of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

FISCAL NOTE

None.

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